

64 SCHOOLS SHUT FOR LACK OF FUEL; MOST IN BROOKLYN

That Borough Faces Complete Closing Next Week Unless Shortage Ends.

Sixty-four schools in Greater New York were closed to-day on account of lack of fuel or frozen and burst pipes, as compared with sixty-one closed yesterday from these causes. Brooklyn was the chief sufferer, fifty-seven of the sixty-four closed schools, including three high schools, being in that borough. Forty-six of these were shut from lack of coal, and eleven on account of broken pipes. Manhattan showed only four schools closed, three from lack of fuel and one from broken pipes; Queens re-

ported two with broken pipes and one lacking fuel. Every school in the Bronx and Richmond was able to hold classes. An almost complete shutdown of the schools in Brooklyn may be expected early next week if a full supply of coal is not obtained in the next few days, Patrick Jones, Superintendent of Supplies of the Board of Education, indicated to-day. "To keep the schools across the bridge open," he said, "we need at least 600 tons of coal a day in addition to what little is on hand now. Yesterday I was able to obtain only 140 tons. Of this we distributed four tons to each of thirty-five schools which otherwise would have had to shut down. Four tons are not going to last long in heating a large building. "What is going to happen I cannot predict, but it will be particularly unfortunate if we have to close down a large number of schools at this time. The moral effect on the children of being turned loose on the streets will be bad. "If it were summer time, with the parks inviting to play, it would not be serious, but what are most of the children to do in this weather? Probably they will be crowding the cheap movie theatres when they should be in school."

COAL CRISIS MAY SHUT THEATRES AT 10 P. M.; BUSINESS TO STOP AT 5

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4. Manufacturers. 5. All other coal users. In this context, it was reported in coal circles to-day that the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company was reaching a serious condition in its coal shortage. John J. Dempsey, General Superintendent of the company, told The Evening World to-day that last night three more days' supply was on hand. MAYOR SENDS ANOTHER LETTER ABOUT HIS COAL "FIND."

To-day Mayor Hylan returned to his subject of the availability of a large store of fine coal in the yards of the Washburn Wire Works. Several days ago he "discovered" this store, but Reeve Schley, County Coal Administrator, declared that what Mayor Hylan referred to was useless dirt and grit.

In a letter sent to-day to Schley the Mayor said: "Acknowledging receipt of your favor of the 5th inst., I wish to say that the coal which I looked at in the yard of the Washburn Wire Works is not slate and dirt, as you stated, but coal which can be used in our public schools and office buildings. "If this coal is useless, the question that comes to my mind is this: Why did a corporation such as the Washburn Wire Works invest their money in useless coal? There is no question

News Oddities

S. O. S. IN BOARDING HOUSES.—The United States has commandeered prunes.



GIFTS OF COAL and sugar "showered" as golden wedding presents on couple in Riverport, Conn., where sugar and coal also are prizes at social card parties.

SNAKE stopped water supply of Glenville, near Tarrytown, by crawling into pipe to keep warm.

LAND he worked on thirty years has been bequeathed to Lakeview, L. I. farm hand.

THE \$108 IN BILLS sent Secretary McAdoo by "repentant" man who robbed Government turned out to be counterfeit.

WEARING THE SAME DRESS for sixteen years, woman was kept prisoner by Indiana farmer whose death has just released her.

NO MORE CAKE or pastry in Italy from the end of the war.

TRAIN ROBBERS in New Jersey are now stealing coal from cars en route from the mines.

U. S. NAVY NEEDS COOKS, the Army lumber jacks and the Marine Corps, musicians.

In my mind that this coal has value and should be used.

"You, as a representative of the Federal Government, and myself as the Mayor of this city, should not permit personalities to enter into the question of relieving what, to my mind, is a most serious and dangerous situation."

County Administrator Schley announced to-day that many plants have closed and that several hundred others are on the verge of closing. Mr. Schley also stated to-day that he had been informed that the United States Government had commandeered the old Weehawken ferry line, running between 42d Street, Manhattan, and Weehawken, for the use of the army. The two boats of the line, it was said, are being used for troop transportation purposes. As a consequence Burns Bros. are again held up in their coal deliveries to New York from the Weehawken yards. About 1,000 tons of coal a day is affected. The Fuel Administration is endeavoring to counteract this by securing other ferry boats.

Mr. Schley also stated that the terminal dock of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad at Port Reading is out of commission to-day because of the dumpers being broken. One thousand cars per day are normally received at this terminal. Both anthracite and bituminous coal are handled there.

BIG JERSEY MUNITIONS PLANT MAY CLOSE TO-NIGHT.

The management of the Dupont powder plants at Pompton Lake and Haskell notified County Fuel Administrator William Kearns at Paterson, N. J., to-day that unless they received a shipment of coal by this evening their plants would have to close down. Mr. Kearns was helpless to relate them and communicated with State Fuel Administrator Jenkins at Newark, but after doing so Mr. Kearns did not seem at all hopeful of getting coal to these plants.

which are changed on war work exclusively and employ between 8,000 and 9,000 men.

The three-day-a-week schedule threatened by the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey as the limit of electric supply it may be able to give unless coal receipts increase has brought consternation to all Paterson silk mills. Many are preparing to close, and a protest has been sent to Dr. Garfield.

The Charity Relief Section of the Mayor's Coal Committee, which is relieving the coal wants of the very poor through public subscription, yesterday distributed 4,000 100-pound bags of coal. This branch of the Mayor's committee has established headquarters at No. 59 East 42d Street.

City Chamberlain Johnson, treasurer of the Mayor's Committee, following a conference with the Fuel Administrators of the five boroughs, has arranged for the acceptance by the retail coal yards of checks issued by the Mayor's Coal Committee. These checks, which entitle the holder to 100 pounds of coal, are to be put through the coal dealers' banks in usual form and are to be paid by the City National Bank at 35th Street and Broadway, which is the depository of the charity funds raised by the committee. The coal administrators have arranged for the co-operation of the Retail Dealers' Association in the several boroughs with the Mayor's Committee.

MANUFACTURERS ALARMED OVER LACK OF COAL PLANS.

A. I. Smith, head of the Industrial Bureau of the Merchants' Association, gave to The Evening World to-day a summary of the situation wrought by the coal famine in the manufacturing industries of the city. He said:

"Two or three days ago I received a letter from a member of the association who is a manufacturer and whose plant is in a large building with three other manufacturing concerns. He reported that all of them were entirely without coal and that the really operators of the building had informed them that they were unable to obtain fuel even on contracts with coal companies. These really operators said that fifteen of the 100 buildings they controlled were then on the point of closing down for lack of heat and power. "Most of the members of the Merchants' Association are gravely alarmed over the fact that no plan is in effect for future distribution of coal in larger quantities than the city now receives. The situation is particularly bad at present time, because many manufacturers, for-seeing the coal shortage, started to install machinery which could be driven by gas or electricity and were caused by the general shortage of skilled labor with the installation either not begun or half completed."

Mr. Smith added reports from Hoboken indicating that the business limiting of electric power to three or four days a week by the Public Service Corporation in New Jersey threatened the work of the shipyards which have contracts under the National Shipping Board.

FAINTING WOMEN IN B. R. T. CROWDS AROUSE MAYOR

Commissioner Whitney to Ride With Hylan and Observe Conditions.

In a final attempt to convince the Public Service Commission that transit conditions in Brooklyn are dangerous and intolerable, Mayor Hylan to-day wrote another letter to Oscar S. Straus, Chairman of the Public Service Commission. The letter follows: "I take the liberty to again write you about the deplorable condition on the elevated lines in Brooklyn. I arrived at the Gates Avenue Station at 8 A. M. to-day, and after waiting nine minutes I finally was able to crowd my way into one of the cars, which was dangerously overcrowded. "After the train left the station and made one or two stops it was announced that the next stop would be the Bowery. We finally arrived at Canal Street and there had to change cars and get into another train. Women and young girls, together with men, were so huddled and crowded that they were on the verge of fainting. From the time I started from the Gates Avenue station to my arrival at Chambers Street it took just one hour and four minutes. "The last month or six weeks I have travelled over this line to get to Manhattan. The conditions on the Lexington Avenue line, on which I occasionally travel, are not so bad as these prevailing on the Broadway line. "I ask you to have a member of the commission meet me at about 8 o'clock at the Gates Avenue Station for a week and travel over this line and see what the people are obliged to put up with. "I believe that you personally are earnestly interested in giving the people relief, and I know that if you were to experience the condition as it prevails on these lines you would agree with me that it is disgraceful and would do all in your power to effect a remedy. I say frankly that it would be absolutely dangerous for a man of your age to make this trip standing in one of these trains, where the air is foul and with so little ventilation. "The supposed rapid transit in the city has cost the people of New York millions; the Public Service Commission alone has cost the people over ten million dollars, and conditions have not improved."

Being younger than Chairman Straus, Travis H. Whitney will meet Mayor Hylan Monday morning at 8 o'clock at the Gates Avenue station, as the Mayor requested, and travel with him to Manhattan as official observer of transit conditions. Mr. Whitney would make two journey sooner, he says, were it not for the fact that Chairman Straus and he leave this evening for Washington, where they hope to secure more shipments for subway construction. "The dual system work is practically at a standstill due to lack of stock, cement, gravel and broken stone," said Commissioner Whitney. "It is necessary to obtain priority certificates to obtain steel. The Priorities Committee at Washington has already turned down several of our requests for certificates."

Steel Orders Increase. The monthly statement of the United States Steel Corporation issued to-day showed orders on its books as of Dec. 31 last aggregating 9,281,218 tons. This compares with 8,897,196 tons on Nov. 30 last, an increase of 484,022 tons. On Dec. 31, 1916, orders on the books of the corporation amounted to 11,547,386 tons.

BANDITS HOLD UP CLUB; GET \$2,153 CASH AND GEMS

Seven Strangers Rob Members of Brooklyn Organization Just After Cashing of Chips.

Members of the Star Democratic Club were winding up their official business for the night, and most of the chips had been cashed in, when a shot was fired and seven strangers piled into the club's quarters at No. 395 Rockaway Avenue, Brooklyn, early to-day. The intruders were armed. Under the leadership of a man they called George they ordered the club members to line up against the wall. They then took \$250 from Samuel Cohen of No. 463 Rockaway Avenue; a \$150 ring, \$200 stickpin and \$215 cash from Dr. Leo Greenbaum of No. 453 Saratoga Avenue, head of the Home Defense League in his district; \$155 from Samuel Stone of No. 1815 Pitkin Avenue; a \$400 ring and \$128 from Odney List of No. 1448 Sterling Place; \$175 from Harry Liffhoff of No. 267 Chester Street and \$150 and a gold watch from Benjamin Fischer of No. 426 Marion Street. The robbers then warned their victims they were going to leave one of their number outside the door for five minutes and if anybody made a sound within that time he would be shot. The clubmen allowed them a good measure and then called police from the Brownsville Station, which is only five minutes' walk away. The police got good descriptions of the robbers. Max Goldsmith of No. 1847 Pitkin Avenue was so excited when he was telling them about it he nearly swallowed a diamond ring he had hidden in his mouth.

Save the Babies

INFANT MORTALITY is something frightful. We can hardly realize that of all the children born in civilized countries, twenty-two per cent., or nearly one-quarter, die before they reach one year; thirty-seven per cent., or more than one-third, before they are five, and one-half before they are fifteen!

We do not hesitate to say that a timely use of Castoria would save many of these precious lives. Neither do we hesitate to say that many of these infantile deaths are occasioned by the use of narcotic preparations. Drops, tinctures and soothing syrups sold for children's complaints contain more or less opium or morphine. They are, in considerable quantities, deadly poisons. In any quantity, they stupefy, retard circulation and lead to congestions, sickness, death. There can be no danger in the use of Castoria if it bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher as it contains no opiates or narcotics of any kind. Genuine Castoria always bears the signature of Chas. H. Fletcher.

Stern Brothers

West 42nd Street Between 5th and 6th Avenues West 43rd Street

Wonderful Price Opportunities Men's Suits and Overcoats

That were up to \$40.00

at \$24.50

This great reduction, notwithstanding the rapidly rising woolen market, should suggest the economy of supplying both present and future needs.

Great Coats
Town Ulsters
Chesterfield Overcoats
Form-fitting Overcoats

Belted Sack Suits
Double-breasted Suits
Full Silk-lined Suits
Quarter Silk-lined Suits

Men's Furnishing Department

Will feature, To-morrow and Saturday:

Men's Silk Neckwear

Open-end Scarfs; rich designs.

55c and 75c

Men's Negligee Shirts

With laundered or soft cuffs,

at \$1.75 each

Soft Negligee Shirts

Made of assorted materials,

at \$1.15 each

Men's Winter Pajamas

Three special lots; per suit

\$1.25, 1.95 and 2.75

Military Sweaters

With or without sleeves,

at \$4.75 each

Sam Brown Belts

Made in Canada,

at \$7.50 each

January Clearance Sale of Men's Seasonable Underwear

At decided reductions from former prices, sizes incomplete, but all sizes are represented.

Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, medium weight, each 65c

Cotton Union Suits, heavy, ribbed, each \$1.35

Natural Merino Shirts and Drawers, light weight, each \$1.15

Natural Merino Shirts and Drawers, heavy weight, each \$1.35

Three Groups of Men's Hosiery

Will be closed out at the following prices, sizes incomplete, but all sizes are represented:

370 prs. Lisle and Cotton Half Hose, plain and vertical stripes, colors only; formerly 35c and 50c 28c

450 prs. Silk Half Hose, heavy weight; in all colors; formerly \$1.00 and 1.15 pr. at 79c

500 prs. Men's Silk Half Hose, at 50c a pair black and colors; plain and fancy designs; formerly 60c and 75c pr.

The Annual Sale of FRANKLIN SIMON Suits and Overcoats

For Men and Young Men

at substantial reductions from former low prices

GENUINELY HAND-TAILORED

THE big factor to remember is that these clothes are hand-tailored, that they cost more to make than machine-made clothes but are sold at the same prices, and that, therefore, these substantial reductions represent an all-around, cumulative saving which you can't get in any other ready-for-service clothes, in any sale, at any price, at any time.

Regular Original Stock, reduced for the first time

\$33, \$30, \$28 - Men's Suits - \$23.00

\$40, \$38, \$35 - Men's Suits - \$29.50

\$35, \$33, \$30 - Men's Overcoats - \$26.50

A Moderate Charge for Alterations

Men's Clothing Shop—8 West 38th Street

Franklin Simon & Co.

FIFTH AVENUE

GREENHUT'S "THE BIG STORE"

SIXTH AVE. 18th TO 19th STREET

Wines, Brandies, Beer, Etc.

Ferrand's 3-Star Cognac Brandy

Direct importation from France; choice, fine quality; per bottle, \$2.38

American Champagne

Monarque, Bot. 1.00; Special, Bot. 1.10; Club Imperial, 1.80; Prince, extra dry, 1.50; 80c; Sparkling Burgundy

Pommery, Bot. 1.00; Red, 1.20; Roseburgundy, Bot. 1.00; Red, 1.80; 95c

Rum Punch

Premier Rum Punch, 1.10; Imperial Rum Punch, 1.25

Grenadine

"Premier"—Bottle, 1.10; "Imperial"—Bottle, 75c

Apple Brandy

"Imperial"—Bottle, 1.10; Per bottle, 1.50

Virginia Dare Wine

Large bottles, doz. 98.25; each, 75c

Tale Cocktails

Choice of Manhattan, Martini and Brandy, bottle, \$1.75

California Port, Sherry, Sweet

Catawba, Muscatel

Queen Quality, finest old, rich, fruity, 3.50; 4.00; 4.50; 5.00; 5.50; 6.00; 6.50; 7.00; 7.50; 8.00; 8.50; 9.00; 9.50; 10.00; 10.50; 11.00; 11.50; 12.00; 12.50; 13.00; 13.50; 14.00; 14.50; 15.00; 15.50; 16.00; 16.50; 17.00; 17.50; 18.00; 18.50; 19.00; 19.50; 20.00; 20.50; 21.00; 21.50; 22.00; 22.50; 23.00; 23.50; 24.00; 24.50; 25.00; 25.50; 26.00; 26.50; 27.00; 27.50; 28.00; 28.50; 29.00; 29.50; 30.00; 30.50; 31.00; 31.50; 32.00; 32.50; 33.00; 33.50; 34.00; 34.50; 35.00; 35.50; 36.00; 36.50; 37.00; 37.50; 38.00; 38.50; 39.00; 39.50; 40.00; 40.50; 41.00; 41.50; 42.00; 42.50; 43.00; 43.50; 44.00; 44.50; 45.00; 45.50; 46.00; 46.50; 47.00; 47.50; 48.00; 48.50; 49.00; 49.50; 50.00; 50.50; 51.00; 51.50; 52.00; 52.50; 53.00; 53.50; 54.00; 54.50; 55.00; 55.50; 56.00; 56.50; 57.00; 57.50; 58.00; 58.50; 59.00; 59.50; 60.00; 60.50; 61.00; 61.50; 62.00; 62.50; 63.00; 63.50; 64.00; 64.50; 65.00; 65.50; 66.00; 66.50; 67.00; 67.50; 68.00; 68.50; 69.00; 69.50; 70.00; 70.50; 71.00; 71.50; 72.00; 72.50; 73.00; 73.50; 74.00; 74.50; 75.00; 75.50; 76.00; 76.50; 77.00; 77.50; 78.00; 78.50; 79.00; 79.50; 80.00; 80.50; 81.00; 81.50; 82.00; 82.50; 83.00; 83.50; 84.00; 84.50; 85.00; 85.50; 86.00; 86.50; 87.00; 87.50; 88.00; 88.50; 89.00; 89.50; 90.00; 90.50; 91.00; 91.50; 92.00; 92.50; 93.00; 93.50; 94.00; 94.50; 95.00; 95.50; 96.00; 96.50; 97.00; 97.50; 98.00; 98.50; 99.00; 99.50; 100.00; 100.50; 101.00; 101.50; 102.00; 102.50; 103.00; 103.50; 104.00; 104.50; 105.00; 105.50; 106.00; 106.50; 107.00; 107.50; 108.00; 108.50; 109.00; 109.50; 110.00; 110.50; 111.00; 111.50; 112.00; 112.50; 113.00; 113.50; 114.00; 114.50; 115.00; 115.50; 116.00; 116.50; 117.00; 117.50; 118.00; 118.50; 119.00; 119.50; 120.00; 120.50; 121.00; 121.50; 122.00; 122.50; 123.00; 123.50; 124.00; 124.50; 125.00; 125.50; 126.00; 126.50; 127.00; 127.50; 128.00; 128.50; 129.00; 129.50; 130.00; 130.50; 131.00; 131.50; 132.00; 132.50; 133.00; 133.50; 134.00; 134.50; 135.00; 135.50; 136.00; 136.50; 137.00; 137.50; 138.00; 138.50; 139.00; 139.50; 140.00; 140.50; 141.00; 141.50; 142.00; 142.50; 143.00; 143.50; 144.00; 144.50; 145.00; 145.50; 146.00; 146.50; 147.00; 147.50; 148.00; 148.50; 149.00; 149.50; 150.00; 150.50; 151.00; 151.50; 152.00; 152.50; 153.00; 153.50; 154.00; 154.50; 155.00; 155.50; 156.00; 156.50; 157.00; 157.50; 158.00; 158.50; 159.00; 159.50; 160.00; 160.50; 161.00; 161.50; 162.00; 162.50; 163.00; 163.50; 164.00; 164.50; 165.00; 165.50; 166.00; 166.50; 167.00; 167.50; 168.00; 168.50; 169.00; 169.50; 170.00; 170.50; 171.00; 171.50; 172.00; 172.50; 173.00; 173.50; 174.00; 174.50; 175.00; 175.50; 176.00; 176.50; 177.00; 177.50; 178.00; 178.50; 179.00; 179.50; 180.00; 180.50; 181.00; 181.50; 182.00; 182.50; 183.00; 183.50; 184.00; 184.50; 185.00; 185.50; 186.00; 186.50; 187.00; 187.50; 188.00; 188.50; 189.00; 189.50; 190.00; 190.50; 191.00; 191.50; 192.00; 192.50; 193.00; 193.50; 194.00; 194.50; 195.00; 195.50; 196.00; 196.50; 197.00; 197.50; 198.00; 198.50; 199.00; 199.50; 200.00; 200.50; 201.00; 201.50; 202.00; 202.50; 203.00; 203.50; 204.00; 204.50; 205.00; 205.50; 206.00; 206.50; 207.00; 207.50; 208.00; 208.50; 209.00; 209.50; 210.00; 210.50; 211.00; 211.50; 212.00; 212.50; 213.00; 213.50; 214.00; 214.50; 215.00; 215.50; 216.00; 216.50; 217.00; 217.50; 218.00; 218.50; 219.00; 219.50; 220.00; 220.50; 221.00; 221.50; 222.00; 222.50; 223.00; 223.50; 224.00; 224.50; 225.00; 225.50; 226.00; 226.50; 227.00; 227.50; 228.00; 228.50; 229.00; 229.50; 230.00; 230.50; 231.00; 231.50; 232.00; 232.50; 233.00; 233.50; 234.00; 234.50; 235.00; 235.50; 236.00; 236.50; 237.00; 237.50; 238.00; 238.50; 239.00; 239.50; 240.00; 240.50; 241.00; 241.50; 242.00; 242.50; 243.00; 243.50; 244.00; 244.50; 245.00; 245.50; 246.00; 246.50; 247.00; 247.50; 248.00; 248.50; 249.00; 249.50; 250.00; 250.50; 251.00; 251.50; 252.00; 252.50; 253.00; 253.50; 254.00; 2